

REMARKS

Applicants' Invention

Applicants' invention relates to the establishment of a directory of wireless contact information in real time. As set forth in Applicants' claims, as amended, the system which enables the establishment of this database comprises: 1) a central network station adapted to carry out software-based instruction in the generation of a database system of contact information; and 2) a switch station coupled to the central network station adapted to gather contact information from one or more telecommunications service providers. This database of wireless contact information may be provided to directory service providers or, alternatively, may be accessible directly by a user seeking specific contact information. It will be clear to one of skill in the art that given the volume and confidentiality of data to be stored and maintained in the wireless database directory, communication between the wireless directory service creation system (the database) and the telecommunications service providers (the source of the information in the database) must take place via a broadband connection as disclosed in the original priority filing.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102(b)

The Rossman patent discloses an invention enabling two-way communication between a wireless device (e.g., a cell phone or two-way pager) and a network. More specifically, Rossman discloses an Airnet Network (500) which is a router/translator that enables a two-way communications device, such as a cell phone, to wirelessly connect with a network, such as the Internet, an office intranet, or some other set of computers. The Airnet Network (500) can also provide access control, involving for example encryption, to service providers for billing and payment, as noted by the Examiner. Wireless transmission, either inbound to or outbound from, a two-way wireless communication device is an essential element in the Rossman disclosure.

This wireless requirement is not a feature of Applicants' invention and, in fact, represents a teaching away from essential features of the invention. As described above, and in the priority document as originally filed (see paragraph 13, page 5), broadband communication between the wireless service providers and the system of the present invention is essential. It is simply not possible from a data volume standpoint to contemplate the use of wireless communication in the establishment and maintenance of the wireless contact directory of the present invention. Thus, not only does the Rossman patent, which requires wireless communication, not represent

anticipatory prior art, but it actually represents a teaching away from Applicants' invention as claimed.

Applicants' amended new Claim 26 recites a limitation which specifies that the database of wireless contact information is selectively accessible. It is contemplated that this selective access could include queries from individuals using a land line or cell phone, for example. However, the wireless aspect which relates to this claim is incidental to the invention and completely independent of the establishment and maintenance of the database which is, by necessitate, a non-wireless activity. The arguments set forth above also apply to dependent Claims 27-35. Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC 102 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103:

The rejections stated under 35 USC 103 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 11-24 and the addition of new Claims 25-35.

Summary

In light of the above preliminary amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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